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Links Jury Quiz, Cuba Exile Chief

Gordon Novel, who said Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison wants to question him about 1961 events involving former Cuban exile leader Sergio Arcacha Smith, answered a summons to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury today.

Novel, 29, entered the Criminal Courts building shortly after the grand jury returned from lunch, but he did not go in immediately. He was accompanied by his attorneys, Steve Plotkin and Eddie L. Sapir, who said they would not allow their client to answer reporters' questions.

A few moments after Novel appeared, Garrison went into the grand jury room.

He was interviewed prior to his appearance before the jury.

DEAN ADAMS ANDREWS Jr., an assistant Jefferson Parish district attorney, appeared before the jury this morning for the second time in two weeks. He told reporters Novel is a good friend and a client of his.

Novel, who owns the Jamaican Village bar at 800 N. Rampart, said he knows why he is being subpenaed, "but I'd rather not say now."

He said, "I think Mr. Garrison wants to know something about activities during 1961 which are related to Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith.

"AND THAT'S ALL I want to say right now," he said.

Arcacha lived in New Orleans during 1961 and was leader of anti-Castro Cubans here in an organization known as the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front.

He was training men here to participate in an invasion of Cuba.

Arcacha left New Orleans in 1962 and moved to Houston, where he was living at the time of the assassination. He moved to Dallas some time later and has been living there for three years.

MEMBERS OF GARRISON'S staff have attempted to question Arcacha in Dallas, but Arcacha will not agree to be questioned unless Dallas authorities are present. Garrison's men have refused to question Arcacha in the presence of any Dallas officials.

Asked if he knows Clay L. Shaw, who has been accused by Garrison of conspiring to murder the President, Novel said, "I know him, but not as related to this thing."

He said he has never known Lee Harvey Oswald, the man named by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's assassin, and that he does not know Perry Raymond Russo, who has testified that he overheard David W. Ferrie, Oswald and Shaw plotting to kill Mr. Kennedy.

NOVEL SAID HE knew Ferrie "indirectly."

Ferrie, a free-lance pilot, died Feb. 22 while he was under investigation in connection with the Garrison probe.

Novel said that in addition to running the Jamaican Village, he owns an electronics company. "I manufacture anti-surveillance equipment," he said.

Andrews, questioned by reporters before he entered the grand jury room, said that he knows Novel.

"DO I KNOW HIM? Yeah, I know him. He's a good friend of mine," he said.

"You say he's a good friend of yours?" a reporter asked.

"Yeah, he's a client of mine."

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Novel aroused the curiosity of Metairie residents in 1962 when he was making a flight test of an 18-foot helium-filled balloon. Neighbors saw a mysterious lighted object in the air over Metairie and began telephoning the newspaper to find out what it was. Novel was testing a balloon which employed a flickering fluorescent light system.

Novel was mentioned in the news in September of 1963 when he was a robbery victim. Novel was beaten unconscious and then robbed as he prepared to enter his car in a Chartres st. parking lot. He was attacked by five men.

The grand jury was questioning a third person this morning, a young man who told a reporter his name is Tommy Clark.

CLARK CAME OUT of the jury room this morning and sat on a bench outside, apparently waiting to be called in again. He said he was not under subpena but had been asked to appear by assistant Dist. Atty. John Volz.

Andrews appeared at the Criminal Courts building this morning and entered at Broad st., almost unnoticed by reporters.

Andrews had been subpenaed to appear at 9 a. m. and arrived at the courthouse on schedule. He showed up alone, in contrast to previous appearances when he was accompanied by his attorney, Sam Monk Zelden.

A reporter asked him:

"Do you know why you have been subpenaed by the grand jury for a second time?"

Andrews shook his head but did not reply.

"WHAT ARE YOU supposed to know?" he was asked.

"I wish I knew," he said.

Andrews was subpenaed a week ago when the jury first took up the case.

The Jefferson attorney's connection with the case stems from a few days after the President was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Andrews told the Warren Commission investigating the case that he was contacted by one "Clay Bertrand" who asked him to defend Oswald.

GARRISON contends that Bertrand is an alias used by Clay L. Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart, who faces criminal conspiracy charges in the President's death. Shaw denies this.

Andrews says he does not know whether Bertrand and Shaw are one and the same. He has refused to take a lie detector test.

JEFFERSON PARISH Dist. Atty. Frank H. Langridge confirmed that he wrote a letter to Andrews yesterday suspending him as an assistant until the district attorney investigation is over.

Langridge stressed that the suspension is no indication of wrongdoing on the part of Andrews, but Langridge said he felt the unfavorable publicity brought upon the district attorney's office justified the suspension.

When the grand jury took up the investigation last week, the only other witness subpenaed was Mrs. Josephine Hug, who worked for Shaw when he headed the International Trade Mart staff.

When Andrews was called in today, he shrugged his shoulders and walked into the room.

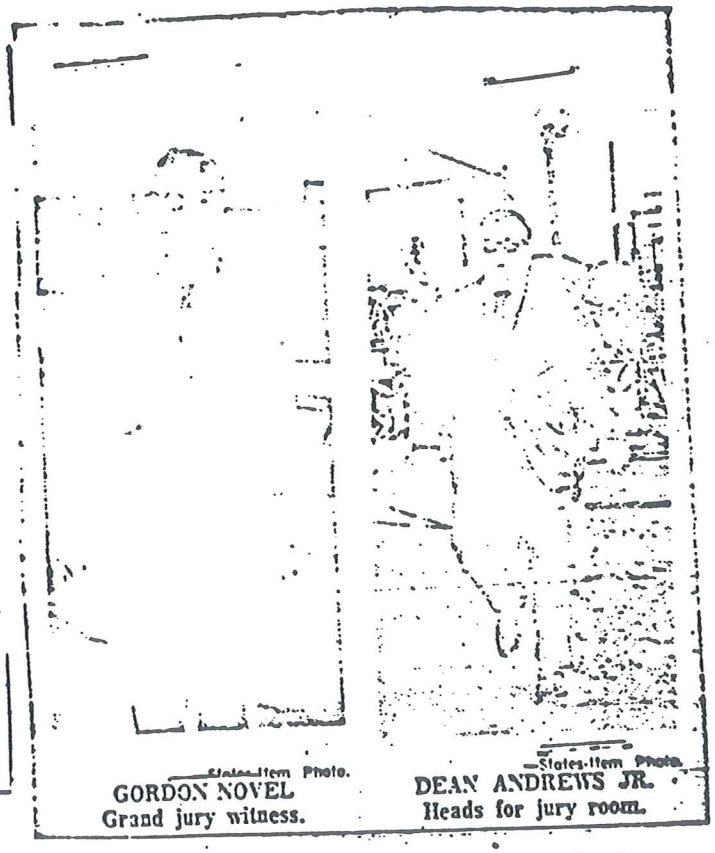
JUST AFTER THE door closed behind Andrews, a secretary from Garrison's office walked up to the deputy sheriff guarding the door and asked:

"Is Mr. Burns (assistant Dist. Atty. Richard V. Burns) in the grand jury room?"

"Yeah, he's in there," the guard answered.

"Give him these when the door opens, please. He wanted them as soon as possible," the secretary said. She handed over a dozen or so copies of a mimeographed sheet of papers. The documents were headed, "Testimony of Dean Andrews Jr." Each copy appeared to be about 15 pages thick.

Andrews was questioned until 11:30 a. m. and was rushed by reporters as he left the building. Andrews was evasive in his answers to all questions, however.



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Grand jury witness.

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